

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTIONS

The House third read and passed the following bills:

- **HCS HB 14**, which appropriates money for supplemental purposes for several departments and offices of state government: for the purchase of equipment: payment of claims for refunds for persons, firms and corporations.
- **HCS HB 82**, which authorizes an individual income tax deduction for 15 percent of any military retirement income and increases the deduction by 15 percent annually until 2016 when it is fully phased in.
- **HCS HB 459**, which creates a federal reimbursement allowance for ground ambulance services.
- **HCS HB 580**, which establishes the Line of Duty Compensation Act. This act authorizes a claim to be filed with the Division of Workers' Compensation on behalf of public safety workers who are killed in the line of duty.
- **HCR 16**, which strongly urges Congress to reject any asylum, containment, transport, imprisonment or state medical care of any suspected terrorists released from U.S. operated foreign prisons.

The House also debated **HJR 23**, which proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting appropriations in any fiscal year from exceeding certain limits.

Dates of Interest

- **March 12 - Spring Break begins**
- **March 23 - Spring Break ends**
- **April 1 - Last day to file bills**
- **April 13 - Easter Break**
- **May 8 - Appropriation bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed**
- **May 15 - Session ends**
- **July 14 - Deadline for the governor to sign bills**
- **September 16- Veto session begins**

Photo of the Week



Rep. Tom Self speaks at a rally in support of House Resolution 736, which strongly urges the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide a waiver or exclusion for youth ATVs and motorcycles from the lead limits for children's toys required under federal law. The House adopted this resolution on March 3.

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions
as of 3/9/09
9:30 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	994
# of HBs Referred to Committee	726
# HBs Reported Do Pass	53
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	56
# HBs Perfected	14
# HBs Third Read	12
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	1
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	0



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COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The **Insurance Policy Committee** passed **HB 231**, which requires group policies by a health carrier or health benefit plan to comply with the federal COBRA provisions regarding continuation of coverage to a person who terminated employment or membership, and **HCS HB 357 and 298**, which requires health carriers issuing or renewing a health plan to provide individuals younger than 21 years of age insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. (3.5.09)
- The **Real ID and Personal Privacy Committee** passed **HCS HB 361**, which specifies that an applicant for a driver's license, nondriver's license or instruction permit cannot have his or her privacy rights violated when obtaining or renewing a driver's license. (3.4.09)
- The **Utilities Committee** passed **HCS HB 554**, which allows electrical corporations to charge for services based on the costs of certain construction work in progress and establishes the Missouri Clean and Renewable Energy Construction Act. (3.3.09)

Did you know?

The Missouri River is the longest river in the United States and is 200 miles longer than the Mississippi River.



Rep. Kevin Wilson is joined by 10-year-old Dylan Graber who came to the State Capitol to support House Bill 807 to designate the Missouri River as the official state waterway.

STATE SYMBOL FAST FACTS

Missouri has 22 state symbols, some of which include:

State Song: Missouri Waltz
State Bird: Bluebird
State Insect: Honeybee
State Tree: Flowering Dogwood
State Fish: Channel Catfish

The Great Seal was designed by Judge Robert William Wells and adopted in 1822.

Missouri adopted an official flag on March 22, 1913, almost 100 years after achieving statehood.

- The **Special Committee on Workforce Development** passed **HCS HB 481**, which adds claims within the scope of the Missouri Human Rights Act to which public entities are protected against punitive or exemplary damages. (3.3.09)
- The **Corrections and Public Institutions Committee** passed **HB 544**, which requires the Office of Administration to maintain the Missouri Accountability Portal as established by Executive Order in 2007. (3.3.09)
- The **Special Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing** passed **HCS HB 37**, which adds medical practitioners providing free services at a summer camp to the list of health care providers for whom the State Legal Expense Fund is available for payment of certain claims against a provider. (3.3.09)
- The **Tax Reform Committee** held a hearing on **HB 814 and HB 318**, both of which replace the state individual and corporate income tax and the estate tax with a fair tax based on all new retail sales and services. (3.4.09)
- The **Job Creation and Economic Development Committee** passed **HB 575**, which changes the laws regarding the Missouri Business Use Incentives for Large-Scale Development Program. (3.3.09)